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Dr. Stephen Sundlof
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Dear Dr. Sundlof:

We are writing to request that the FDA ban the routine use of antibiotics in farm animals.

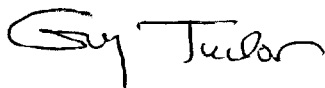
It is current factory farm practice to administer antibiotics to food animals solely to promote rapid growth. These antibiotics have nothing to do with treating any illnesses the animals may have, and there is mounting evidence that their use is increasingly fostering antibiotic-resistant infections in human populations. Indeed, many researchers fear that the routine use of antibiotics in the human food chain will eventually contribute to fatal antibiotic-resistant infections.

The need to stop this practice (i.e., of automatic antibiotic administration to farm animals) is therefore exigent.

We hope you will consider our views.

Very truly yours,

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